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Title: THIN, HIGH CAPACITY ABSORBENT  
STRUCTURE AND METHOD FOR  
PRODUCING SAME

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed 20 April 2004, please consider the pending claims in the above-identified patent application in view of the following remarks:

**Listing of Claims** begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.

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